

To whom it may concern, I am writing to urge you to reject NAB's petition 04-160. I recently bought an XM radio system for my car in order to enjoy the benefits of commercial-free music, and instant traffic and weather. It is a wonderful, fairly priced service.

In the Pittsburgh area there is only one station that claims to be the local "source" for news and weather. This station is KDKA, and if you ever listen to it you will find that the news and weather are given in 4 minute blocks every half hour. The news is lame, and in order to even catch the segment you are forced to listen to commercial after commercial. I understand how radio works, and that the station is trying to make more money by selling more airtime, and I don't care. I pay for XM service, and can conveniently catch the weather and news at anytime. I travel a great deal, and the XM service is truly a blessing.

It is my opinion that standard radio is ruined from over selling of airtime, corporate control of the songs played, and the employment of annoying personalities. In a nutshell, I believe that standard radio has ruined it's market through corporate greed. As far as I'm concerned, they need to either learn to compete or go off the air forever. I will not miss a single station.

The people of this nation deserve better service. Reject this sorry petition and allow us to enjoy the greatest thing in radio to date. Thank you, Brent A. George. (A very happy XM subscriber.)